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Biography

MAJOR GENERAL DONALD P. DUNBAR

Wisconsin National Guard

Major General Donald P. Dunbar is the adjutant general of Wisconsin. He is responsible for the federal and state missions of the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard and the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management. He is the governor's Homeland Security Advisor, chairs the Wisconsin Homeland Security Council and serves as the chairman of the Homeland Security Advisory Council for the National Governor's Association. In addition, he serves on the Executive Committee of the Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS).



Gen. Dunbar holds a B.B.A. from the College of Insurance in New York; an M.B.A. from City University in Washington; and a J.D. from the University of Maryland Law School. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and a distinguished graduate of Squadron Officer School and the National War College, and he holds a M.S. in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University. He completed the Capstone joint service professional military education course in 2008.

Gen. Dunbar joined the Air Force in 1983 and, following pilot training, flew B-52s at the 325th Bomb Squadron. He joined the Washington Air National Guard in 1991 and flew KC-135s at the 141st Air Refueling Wing. In 1995, he was assigned to the National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C., as the KC-135 functional manager for 19 Air National Guard refueling wings. From 1998 to 2003, he served on the Defense Department staff and as executive officer to the director of the Air National Guard. In 2003, he returned to the Washington Air National Guard to command the 141st Operations Group. He mobilized and commanded the 385th Air Expeditionary Group at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey from June to August 2004 and again from May to August 2005, supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom with KC-135 and C-17 operations. He came to Wisconsin in March 2005 to command Milwaukee's 128th Air Refueling Wing. He was appointed to his present position on Sept. 1, 2007.

As Adjutant General, he has mobilized more than 7,800 Soldiers and Airmen for combat operations and led the state through seven declared Stafford Act emergencies.

Gen. Dunbar's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two bronze service stars, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hourglass device and M7 device.

He is a command pilot with over 3,000 flying hours, principally in B-52 and KC-135 aircraft.

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